DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for Administration
                  Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Robert W. Gambino
                  Chairman

SUBJECT: Revision of DCID 1/7

    1.   Action Requested: Your approval to circulate for National Foreign Intelligence Board agreement a proposed revision of DCID 1/7.

    2.   Background: DCID 1/7 provides security controls and markings governing the dissemination and use of intelligence information. A proposed revision, agreed to by the DCI Security Committee, is attached.

    3.   Discussion: Committee review of this directive considered whether the DCID's controls were being properly used. We concluded that variations in their use were due to inadequate or nonexistent tests for the governing circumstances. STATINTL

    The proposed revision also reflects changes in Intelligence Community structure and terminology (E.O. 12036) and in national security classification policy (E.O. 12065). It is expressed in simpler language than is the present directive, and it drops a current control marking ("NFIB Departments Only") that seems to serve no useful purpose.

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The Committee deliberated at length on the [   ]STATINTL control. Consideration was given to eliminating it in favor of emphasizing the negative presumption that should govern foreign release of U.S. intelligence. The consensus was that the control should be retained, even though admittedly redundant in many cases, as a visual reminder of the sensitivity of some information and as a check against unthinking release to third parties.

4. Recommendation: That you approve circulation to the NFIB of the proposed revision.

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Robert W. Gambino

Attachment

CONCUR:

Deputy Director for Administration   Date

APPROVED:

Director of Central Intelligence   Date

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